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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I refer to your letter of May 21, 1977, to the Naval Investigative Service requesting the mandatory classification review and release to you of certain documents. Your letter was passed to us for review and direct reply because twenty-two of the documents in the file retrieved on your behalf were originated by the Department of State.

After careful review, we have determined that fourteen of these documents can be released. Seven more can be released subject to excisions. One must be withheld from release.

All the denied and excised material (unless otherwise specified below) has been determined to be properly exempt from release under Paragraph (b)(1) of Section 552 as being currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12065 and authorized by that Order to remain protected in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. All non-exempt material in the excised documents that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material is released.

It has been determined that one document must be excised under Paragraph (b)(7) (c) and (d) of Section 552 as investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person or reveal the identity of a confidential source or reveal confidential information furnished only by the confidential source.

With respect to material denied, you have the right to appeal this determination within sixty days. Appeals should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. A letter of appeal should refer to the Freedom of Information case numbers shown above.

Sincerely,

for John R. Burke
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Classification/Declassification
Center
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Enclosures:

Twenty-one documents.